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### (54) 【発明の名称】 アーク溶接機

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### (57)【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】溶接トランスの2次側に整流回路を接続し、その出力端に2個のコンデンサの直列回路と2個のスイッチング素子の直列回路をそれぞれ接続し、2個のコンデンサの直列接続の中点と2個のスイッチング素子の直列接続の中点との間に溶接負荷を接続し、前記2個のスイッチング素子のうち一方のスイッチング素子を駆動するドライブ信号回路Aと、そのドライブ信号回路Aの反転信号を出力し他方のスイッチング素子を駆動するドライブ信号回路Bと、前記2つのドライブ信号回路A、Bのパルス周期を決定する発振回路と、その発振回路が一定の周期で発振と停止動作を繰り返すための信号をその発振回路に入力するタイマー回路を備えたアーク溶接機。

【請求項2】発振回路のバルス幅調整回路を設けた請求

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項1記載のアーク溶接機。

【発明の詳細な説明】

[0001]

【産業上の利用分野】本発明は、アルミニウムやマグネシウムなど酸化皮膜除去を必要とする材料の溶接に使用されるアーク溶接機に関する。

[0002]

【従来の技術】従来、アルミニウムやマグネシウムなど 溶接時に酸化皮膜除去を必要とする材料の溶接には交流 10 アーク溶接機が使用され、図3に従来の交流アーク溶接 機の回路構成の一例を示す。

【0003】図3において、1は商用電源、2と5は整流ダイオード、3はスイッチング素子、4は溶接トランス、6aと6bはコンデンサ、7は被溶接物、8はアーク負荷、9は電極、10aと10bはスイッチング素

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子、11aはスイッチング素子10aを駆動するドライブ信号回路A、11bはスイッチング素子10bを駆動するドライブ信号回路B、12はドライブ信号回路A11aおよびドライブ信号回路B11bのパルス周期を決定する発振回路、13は反転器である。

【0004】図3に示す回路において、商用電源1を整 流ダイオード2で整流し、その整流出力をスイッチング 素子3でスイッチングし、その交流出力を溶接トランス 4で降圧絶縁し、その出力端に2個のコンデンサ6aと 6 b の直列回路と2個のスイッチング素子10aと10 bの直列回路をそれぞれ接続し、2個のコンデンサ6 a と6 bの接続点と2個のスイッチング素子10 a と 10 bの接続点の間に溶接負荷、すなわち被溶接物(母材) 7と電極9とアーク8を接続し、2個のスイッチング素 子10aと10bの内、一方のスイッチング素子10a にドライブ信号回路Allaを接続し、他方のスイッチ ング素子10bにはドライブ信号回路B11bを接続 し、さらにドライブ信号回路A11aには発振回路12 の出力パルスが直接に、ドライブ信号回路B11bには 発振回路12の出力が反転回路13によって極性が反転 20 されて接続されている。

【0005】発振回路12の出力波形に同期したバルス出力がドライブ信号回路A11aから出力され、スイッチング素子10aのON・OFFを繰り返す。一方、ドライブ信号回路B11bには発振回路12の出力が反転器13で反転して入力されているので、ドライブ信号回路B11bはスイッチング素子10aとは交互にスイッチング素子10bをON・OFFさせる。

【0006】との動作によりスイッチング素子10aがONし、スイッチング素子10bがOFFのときには、電流はスイッチング素子10a→電極9→アーク負荷8→被溶接物7→コンデンサ6bの経過で流れ、逆にスイッチング素子10aがONの場合には、電流はコンデンサ6a→被溶接物7→アーク負荷8→電極9→スイッチング素子10bと流れる。したがってアーク負荷8には図4に示す交流電流が流れる。

【0007】アーク負荷8に電極9側がプラスの電流が流れている期間には、被溶接物7の母材より融点の高い酸化被膜を除去する作用があり、電極9側がマイナスの40期間においては、被溶接物7を溶かす作用が強いため、アルミニウムやマグネシウム等の溶接にはこの種の交流アーク溶接機が使われていた。

[0008]

【発明が解決しようとする課題】しかし、上記した交流 アーク溶接機では、アルミニウム材やマグネシウム材の 溶接を行った場合、アークの指向性が悪いため、

- (1) 隅肉溶接が難しい
- (2) 裏波溶接が難しい

等の欠点があり、また極性反転時の高調波のため、

(3) アーク音が高い

さらに、電極側+の電流が流れるときの電極加熱効果に より

(4) 電極消耗が速い

等の問題点があった。

【0009】本発明は、上記の従来の問題を解決しようとするもので、アーク指向性と安定性を増加させ、また電極加熱効果を減少させて、隅肉溶接と裏波溶接を行うことを容易にすると同時に電極の消耗を抑制し、さらにアーク音を低減させることを目的とする。

[0010]

【課題を解決するための手段】上記の目的を達成するために、本発明のアーク溶接機は溶接用トランスの2次側に整流回路を接続し、その出力端に、2個のコンデンサの直列接続回路と、2個のスイッチング素子の直列接続の中点と2個のスイッチング素子の直列接続の中点と2個のスイッチング素子の直列接続の中点の間に溶接負荷を接続し、前記2個のスイッチング素子のうち一方のスイッチング素子を駆動するドライブ信号回路Aと、そのドライブ信号回路Aの反転信号を出力し他方のスイッチング素子を駆動するドライブ信号回路Bと、前記2つのドライブ信号回路AとBのバルス周期を決意する発振回路と、その発振回路が一定の周期で発振と停止動作を繰り返すための信号をその発振回路に入力するタイマー回路を備えた構成にしたものである。

[0011]

【作用】上記した構成により、従来の交流電流に電極側マイナスの直流電流が周期的に混合されることになり、交流特性に電極側マイナスの直流特性が加わることになる。これにより、電極側マイナスの期間においては電極が熱陰極となり極点が安定するためアークの指向性が増し、アークが安定し、かつ電極側プラスの場合のような電極加熱効果がなく電極の消耗が抑制される。また直流混合時には極性反転がないため高調波による騒音がなくなり、アーク音が低減する。

[0012]

【実施例】以下、本発明の交流アーク溶接機の一実施例 について図面を参照しながら説明する。

【0013】図1において、主回路構成は従来例を示す図3と同じであるので、溶接トランス4の一次側は省略してある。また、その他の部分についても、図3と同じ部分については同じ符号を付し、異なる部分について説明する。図1において、14はタイマー回路、15はパルス幅調整回路である。

【0014】図1に示す回路において、タイマー回路1 4が一定の周期でONとOFFを繰り返すと発振回路1 2が連動して、タイマー回路14がONの時に発振回路 12が発振し、タイマー回路14がOFFの時に発振回 路12は発振を停止し、タイマー回路14と発振回路1 2はこの動作を繰り返す。タイマー回路14がONの場 5

合には従来例と同様に、スイッチング素子10aと10 \*bを交互にON・OFFさせる信号を発振回路12からの信号に基づいてドライブ回路A11aとドライブ回路B11bが出力するため、図2に示すようにTxcの期間、交流電流が流れる。一方、タイマー回路14がOFFの場合には、発振回路12は発振を停止するが、スイッチング素子10aはONを、スイッチング素子10bはOFFを続けるため、電流はコンデンサ6a→被溶接物7→アーク負荷8→電極9→スイッチング素子10bと流れ、図2に示すようにTpcの期間、電極側マイナス 10の直流電流が流れる。

【0015】とのようにタイマー回路1400N・OFFに応じて交流電流と直流電流が交互に流れる混合電流を容易に得ることができる。したがってタイマー回路140時限設定次第で、直流電流期間比率= $T_{off}$ /( $T_{off}$ )= $T_{off}$ 

【0016】また、上記直流電流期間比率を固定した場合でも、バルス幅調整回路15により発振回路12の発振動作時におけるバルス幅を狭めると、ドライブ信号回 20路A11aのバルス幅は狭く、ドライブ信号回路B11bのバルス幅は広くなり、それに伴ってスイッチング素子10bの導通期が広がり電極側マイナスの電流の比率が大きくなるので、直流電流期間比率を大きくしたのと同じ効果が得られ、熱陰極放電の期間比率が大きくなり、アークの指向性と安定性が増し、また電極加熱効果が小さくなり電極消耗が抑制される。

[0017]

【発明の効果】以上の説明から明らかなように本発明に\*

\* よれば、交流電流期間と電極側マイナスの直流電流期間を周期的に交互に繰り返し、直流電流期間の比率を大きしてアーク溶接を行うことにより、熱陰極放電の期間比率が大きくなり、この期間は極点が安定するため、アークの指向性と安定性が増してアルミニウムやマグネシウムなどの隅肉溶接や裏波溶接を容易にし、電極側プラスの場合に発生する電極加熱効果を減少させて電極消耗を抑制する。さらに、直流電流期間を設けることにより、極性反転時の高調波発生が少なくなり、アーク音を低減させる効果もある。

### 【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】本発明のアーク溶接機の一実施例を示す回路構成図

【図2】同実施例における出力電流の波形図

【図3】従来例における回路構成図

【図4】従来例における出力電流の波形図 【符号の説明】

4 溶接トランス

5 整流ダイオード(整流回路)

0 6a, 6b コンデンサ

7 被溶接物

8 アーク負荷

9 雷極

10a, 10b スイッチング素子

11a ドライブ信号回路A

11b ドライブ信号回路B

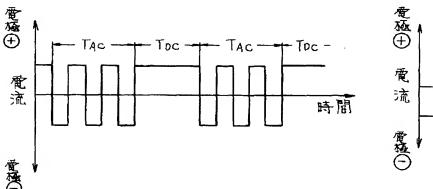
12 発振回路

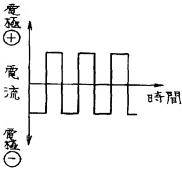
14 タイマー回路

15 パルス幅調整回路

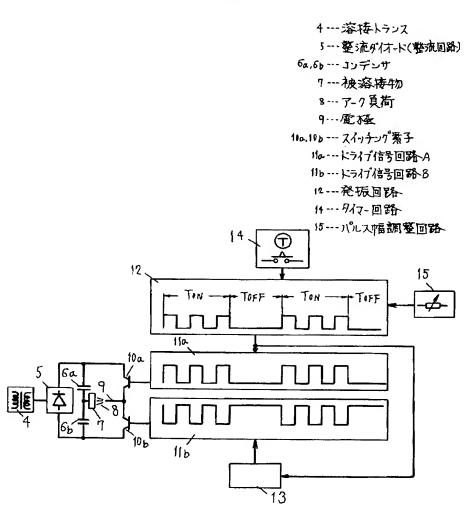
[図2]

【図4】

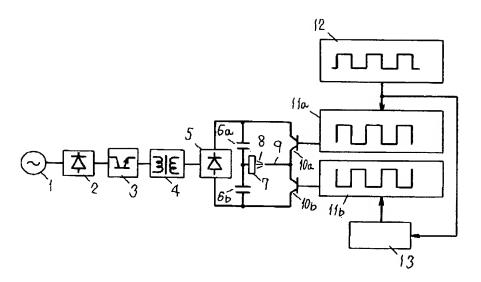




### 【図1】



[図3]



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#### **CLAIMS**

(57) [Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] The arc welder characterized by providing the following. The drive signal circuit A which connects a rectifier circuit to the secondary of a welding transformer, connects the series circuit of two capacitors, and the series circuit of two switching elements to the outgoing end, respectively, connects a welding load between the middle point of the series connection of two capacitors, and the middle point of the series connection of two switching elements, and drives one switching element between the two aforementioned switching elements. The drive signal circuit B which outputs the reversal signal of the drive signal circuit A, and drives the switching element of another side. The oscillator circuit which determines the pulse period of the two aforementioned drive signal circuits A and B. The timer circuit which inputs the signal for the oscillator circuit repeating an oscillation and halt operation a fixed period into the oscillator circuit.

[Claim 2] The arc welder according to claim 1 which formed the pulse width equalization circuit of an oscillator circuit.

### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

[Detailed Description of the Invention] [0001]

[Industrial Application] this invention relates to the arc welder used for welding of the material which needs oxide-film removal, such as aluminum and magnesium.
[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] Conventionally, an AC arc welding machine is used for welding of the material which needs oxide-film removal at the time of welding, such as aluminum and magnesium, and an example of the circuitry of the conventional AC arc welding machine is shown in drawing 3.

[0003] In drawing 3 1 rectifier diode and 3 for a source power supply, and 2 and 5 A switching element, In 4, a welding transformer, and 6a and 6b a weldment-ed and 8 for a capacitor and 7 An arc load, The drive signal circuit A to which 9 drives an electrode and, as for a switching element and 11a, 10a and 10b drive switching element 10a The oscillator circuit as which the drive signal circuit B to which 11b drives switching element 10b, and 12 determine the pulse period of drive signal circuit A11a and drive signal circuit B11b, and 13 are inverters. [0004] In the circuit shown in drawing 3, a source power supply 1 is rectified by rectifier diode 2. Switch the rectification output with a switching element 3, and the pressure-lowering insulation of the ac output is carried out by the welding transformer 4. The series circuit of two capacitors 6a and 6b and the series circuit of two switching elements 10a and 10b are connected to the outgoing end, respectively. Between the node of two capacitors 6a and 6b, and the node of two switching elements 10a and 10b, a welding load, An arc 8 is connected with the weldment 7-ed (base material) and an electrode 9. Namely, the inside of two switching elements 10a and 10b, Drive signal circuit A11a is connected to one switching element 10a. Drive signal circuit B11b is connected to switching element 10b of another side, the output of an oscillator circuit 12 is reversed by further drive signal circuit A11a, polarity is directly reversed by drive signal circuit B11b by the inverter circuit 13, and the output pulse of an oscillator circuit 12 is connected. [0005] The pulse output which synchronized with the output wave of an oscillator circuit 12 is outputted from drive signal circuit A11a, and repeats ON-OFF of switching element 10a. On the other hand, since the output of an oscillator circuit 12 is reversed and inputted into drive signal circuit B11b by the inverter 13, drive signal circuit B11b is made ON-OFF [ a / switching element 10/ switching element 10b ] by turns.

[0006] the time of switching element 10a turning on by this operation, and switching element 10b being OFF — current — the switching element 10a—> electrode 9 — the case where it flows by progress of weldment—ed [  $\rightarrow$  arc load 8  $\rightarrow$  ] 7  $\rightarrow$  capacitor 6b, and switching element 10a is [ switching element 10b ] ON in OFF conversely — current — capacitor 6a—> — ed — it flows with weldment 7  $\rightarrow$  arc load 8  $\rightarrow$  electrode 9  $\rightarrow$  switching element 10b Therefore, for the arc load 8, the alternating current shown in drawing 4 flows.

[0007] The period when the current of plus of an electrode 9 side for the arc load 8 is flowing had the operation which removes the high oxide skin of the melting point from the base material of the weldment 7-ed, and since the operation to which an electrode 9 side melts the weldment 7-ed in the period of minus was strong, this kind of AC arc welding machine was used for welding of aluminum, magnesium, etc.
[0008]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] however, the case where welding of aluminum material or magnesium material is performed in the above-mentioned AC arc welding machine — since the directivity of an arc is bad — (1) (2) with difficult fillet weld since there is a fault, like Uranami welding is difficult and it is a higher harmonic at the time of inversion — (3) the electrode heating effect which is a time of the current of electrode side + flowing further that arc sound is high — (4) There were troubles, like an electrode wear is quick [0009] this invention tends to solve the above-mentioned conventional problem, and makes arc directivity and stability increase, and decreases the electrode heating effect, it suppresses consumption of an electrode at the same time it makes it easy to perform fillet weld and Uranami

welding, and it aims at reducing arc sound further. [0010]

[Means for Solving the Problem] In order to attain the above-mentioned purpose, the arc welder of this invention connects a rectifier circuit to the secondary of the transformer for welding. to the outgoing end The series-connection circuit of two capacitors, Connect the series-connection circuit of two switching elements, respectively, and a welding load is connected between the middle point of the series connection of two capacitors, and the middle point of the series connection of two switching elements. The drive signal circuit A which drives one switching element between the two aforementioned switching elements The drive signal circuit B which outputs the reversal signal of the drive signal circuit A, and drives the switching element of another side It is made the composition equipped with the oscillator circuit which decides the pulse period of the two aforementioned drive signal circuits A and B, and the timer circuit which inputs the signal for the oscillator circuit repeating an oscillation and halt operation a fixed period into the oscillator circuit.

[0011]

[Function] By the above-mentioned composition, the direct current of electrode side minus will be periodically mixed by conventional alternating current, and an alternating current property will be joined by the direct-current property of electrode side minus. Since an electrode turns into hot cathode in the period of electrode side minus and the pole is stabilized by this, the increase of the directivity of an arc and an arc are stabilized, and there is no electrode heating effect like [ in the case of being electrode side plus ], and consumption of an electrode is suppressed. Moreover, since there is no inversion at the time of direct-current mixture, the noise by the higher harmonic is lost, and arc sound decreases. [0012]

[Example] Hereafter, it explains, referring to a drawing about one example of the AC arc welding machine of this invention.

[0013] In drawing 1, since main circuit composition is the same as drawing 3 which shows the conventional example, the upstream of the welding transformer 4 has been omitted. Moreover, the sign same about the portion same also about other portions as drawing 3 is attached, and a different portion is explained. In drawing 1, 14 is a timer circuit and 15 is a pulse width equalization circuit.

[0014] In the circuit shown in  $\frac{drawing\ 1}{drawing\ 1}$ , if a timer circuit 14 repeats ON and OFF a fixed period, an oscillator circuit 12 will interlock, when a timer circuit 14 is ON, an oscillator circuit 12 oscillates, when a timer circuit 14 is OFF, an oscillator circuit 12 suspends an oscillation and a timer circuit 14 and an oscillator circuit 12 repeat this operation. Since drive circuit A11a and drive circuit B11b output the signal switching elements 10a and 10b are made ON-OFF [ a signal ] by turns like the conventional example based on the signal from an oscillator circuit 12 when a timer circuit 14 is ON, as shown in  $\frac{drawing\ 2}{drawing\ 2}$ , alternating current flows during TAC. although an oscillator circuit 12 suspends an oscillation on the other hand when a timer circuit 14 is OFF, in order that switching element 10a may continue ON and switching element 10b may continue OFF — current — capacitor 6a-> — ed — it flows with weldment 7 -> arc load 8 -> electrode 9 -> switching element 10b, and as shown in  $\frac{drawing\ 2}{drawing\ 2}$ , the direct current of electrode side minus flows during the TDC

[0015] Thus, the mixed current on which alternating current and a direct current flow by turns according to ON-OFF of a timer circuit 14 can be acquired easily. Therefore, it is dependent on a time limit setup of a timer circuit 14, and direct-current period ratio =TOFF/(TON+TOFF) =TDC/(TAC+TDC) can be chosen freely.

[0016] Moreover, if the pulse width at the time of oscillation operation of an oscillator circuit 12 is narrowed with the pulse width equalization circuit 15 even when the above-mentioned direct-current period ratio is fixed Since the pulse width of drive signal circuit A11a is narrow, the pulse width of drive signal circuit B11b becomes large, the flow term of switching element 10b spreads in connection with it and the ratio of the current of electrode side minus becomes large The same effect as having enlarged the direct-current period ratio is acquired, the period ratio of hot cathode electric discharge becomes large, the directivity, the increase of stability, and the

electrode heating effect of an arc become small, and an electrode wear is suppressed. [0017]

[Effect of the Invention] by repeating periodically an alternating current period and the direct-current period of electrode side minus by turns according to this invention so that clearly from the above explanation, attributing the ratio of a direct-current period size, and performing arc welding The period ratio of hot cathode electric discharge becomes large, and since the pole is stabilized by this period, the directivity of an arc and its stability increase, it makes easy fillet weld and Uranami welding, such as aluminum and magnesium, decreases the electrode heating effect which is generated in electrode side plus, and suppresses an electrode wear. Furthermore, by preparing a direct-current period, the generating harmonic at the time of inversion decreases, and it is effective in reducing arc sound.

### **OPERATION**

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[Example] Hereafter, it explains, referring to a drawing about one example of the AC arc welding machine of this invention.

[0013] In <u>drawing 1</u>, since main circuit composition is the same as <u>drawing 3</u> which shows the conventional example, the upstream of the welding transformer 4 has been omitted. Moreover, the sign same about the portion same also about other portions as <u>drawing 3</u> is attached, and a different portion is explained. In <u>drawing 1</u>, 14 is a timer circuit and 15 is a pulse width equalization circuit.

[0014] In the circuit shown in drawing 1, if a timer circuit 14 repeats ON and OFF a fixed period, an oscillator circuit 12 will interlock, when a timer circuit 14 is ON, an oscillator circuit 12 oscillates, when a timer circuit 14 is OFF, an oscillator circuit 12 suspends an oscillation and a timer circuit 14 and an oscillator circuit 12 repeat this operation. Since drive circuit A11a and drive circuit B11b output the signal switching elements 10a and 10b are made ON-OFF [ a signal ] by turns like the conventional example based on the signal from an oscillator circuit 12 when a timer circuit 14 is ON, as shown in drawing 2, alternating current flows during TAC. although an oscillator circuit 12 suspends an oscillation on the other hand when a timer circuit 14 is OFF, in order that switching element 10a may continue ON and switching element 10b may continue OFF — current — capacitor 6a-> — ed — it flows with weldment 7 -> arc load 8 -> electrode 9 -> switching element 10b, and as shown in drawing 2, the direct current of electrode side minus flows during the TDC

[0015] Thus, the mixed current on which alternating current and a direct current flow by turns according to ON-OFF of a timer circuit 14 can be acquired easily. Therefore, it is dependent on a time limit setup of a timer circuit 14, and direct-current period ratio =TOFF/(TON+TOFF) =TDC/(TAC+TDC) can be chosen freely.

[0016] Moreover, if the pulse width at the time of oscillation operation of an oscillator circuit 12 is narrowed with the pulse width equalization circuit 15 even when the above-mentioned direct-current period ratio is fixed Since the pulse width of drive signal circuit A11a is narrow, the pulse width of drive signal circuit B11b becomes large, the flow term of switching element 10b spreads in connection with it and the ratio of the current of electrode side minus becomes large The same effect as having enlarged the direct-current period ratio is acquired, the period ratio of hot cathode electric discharge becomes large, the directivity, the increase of stability, and the electrode heating effect of an arc become small, and an electrode wear is suppressed.

### **DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS**

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] The circuitry view showing one example of the arc welder of this invention

[Drawing 2] The wave form chart of the output current in this example

[Drawing 3] The circuitry view in the conventional example

[Drawing 4] The wave form chart of the output current in the conventional example

[Description of Notations]

4 Welding Transformer

5 Rectifier Diode (Rectifier Circuit)

6a, 6b Capacitor

7 Weldment-ed

8 Arc Load

9 Electrode

10a, 10b Switching element

11a Drive signal circuit A

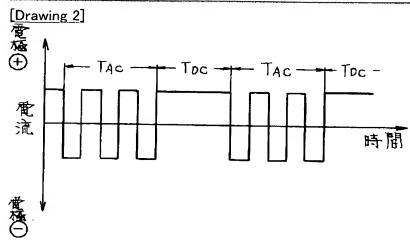
11b Drive signal circuit B

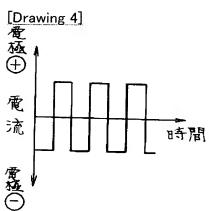
12 Oscillator Circuit

14 Timer Circuit

15 Pulse Width Equalization Circuit

### **DRAWINGS**





[Drawing 1]

4…溶接トランス 5---整流邓才-ド(整流回路) 6a,6b--- コンデンサ 7--被溶铸物 8…ア-1負荷 9--- 電極 110,106---スイッチング素子 16--- ドライブ信号回路A 116---ドライブ信号回路B 12--- 発振回路 14--- 977-回路 15---八儿大幅調整回路 TOFF - TON -110 10a 116 [Drawing 3] 110 116